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Seekers of Selfless Joy

Zaven Khanjian

"Տու ինծի, Տէ՛ր, ուրախութիւնն անանձնական" Misak Medzarents Armenian Poet (1886-1908)



On the second floor of the AMAA Paramus, New Jersey office, there is an enticing room (two actually) with unimaginable attraction. It is extremely tempting to spend countless hours in those rooms or even erect a tent and station oneself there. It is Camelot for me and I have exercised due discipline to avoid a trap.

I should confess however, that recently I fell into the trap. These rooms are occupied by many titans of the Armenian Church, literature, press, theology, philosophy, history and other mind and soul enriching topics. The Bible, the 'Breath of God,' as it was divinely named by the genius translators to Armenian – Աստուածաշունչ – occupies a lot of space. Volumes and volumes of historical prints from centuries past occupy the shelves. The atmosphere is Holy as you can feel the presence of the Saints who have over centuries past, paved the way for us to inherit, read, study, research and learn more about the Word of God, the creation, man, life, the church, our people and humanity.

There is also some current history up there in those rooms. What randomly fell into my hands when I was recently trapped there was the December 1977 issue of the AMAA News, edited by one of my distinguished predecessors, the late Rev. Dr. Giragos H. Chopourian. His beautiful editorial about Christmas in literature, quoting literary giants Charles Dickens, Henry van Dyke and Tolstoy, reminded me of our own Armenian literary giants and the Christian spirit that emanates from their ingenious creations.

Translated poetry cannot remain loyal to the original, but I will try to transmit the spirit and emulate the soul of a few lines of Armenian poetry which have always fascinated me.

Poet Misak Medzarents succumbed to tuberculosis at the age of 22. A good part of that short lived life was spent in pain and suffering. And yet in a poem that constitutes the 'Lord's Prayer of Modern Man,' he prays.

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Give me, O Lord, that selfless cheerfulness.

In the purest Christian spirit, Medzarents does not pursue thrones or crowns, wealth and not even critically needed health. He wants nothing for himself. But humbly and in a submissive spirit of humility, he prays for joy and cheerfulness found in the happiness, beauty and goodwill of others. I can't think of a better example of "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). In another poem entitled 'Cottage,' Medzarents once again is at the disposal, in the service of not himself but the traveler, the anonymous 'other' whoever that might be, of all of mankind. He seeks to be the element of rest, peace, calmness, comfort, shade, sleep, quiet, relief and why not food and shelter and a cup of cold water, may be for the weary traveler. A preset Good Samaritan indeed, following the good example of our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS OF AMAA-HU BANQUET COMMITTEE

It has been a joy planning this tribute evening honoring two exceptional men, Mihran S. Agbabian, Ph.D., and George R. Phillips, Esq. Their dedicated involvement and leadership have had a great impact on the Armenian Missionary Association of America and Haigazian University.

Dr. Agbabian and Mr. Phillips have been extremely active in the Armenian Evangelical community and the Armenian community at large. Their generous gifts of time and resources to numerous educational and charitable organizations have been exemplary. Tonight, we celebrate their singular devotion and commitment to the AMAA and Haigazian University.

The vast missionary outreach of the AMAA, founded in 1918, has been heartily supported by both Mihran and George and made possible by your generous donations:

- A poor child enjoying a week at an AMAA summer camp.
- A displaced Armenian-Syrian student finding sanctuary at Haigazian University.
- An impoverished mother receiving food and clothing for her children.
- A grandmother grateful for her daily nutritious meal.
- Outreach for Syrian refugees.
- Infant formula and milk for a new generation to thrive.
- Schools built and restored.
- A child tutored as well as eating his only hot meal of the day.
- Medical services provided to distant villages.
- Pastors leading eager congregations in worship.

Haigazian University, under the auspices of the AMAA, was founded in 1955 by Evangelical visionaries. This prestigious institution of higher learning in Beirut, Lebanon, is dedicated to the education of students, Armenian and non-Armenian alike. Thousands of graduates are serving in various capacities all over the world—fulfilling the founders' dream. No qualified Armenian student is denied a scholarship.

We extend our appreciation and gratitude to our Banquet Committee for its dedication in making this very special evening a success. We thank you for joining us, and for your continued support of the AMAA.

Joyce Abdulian and Ken Kevorkian
Co-Chairs, AMAA and Haigazian University Banquet Committee

Seekers of Selfless Joy... Continued from the previous page...

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կամ սառրուր լեռան,
ուղեւորի ճամանման
սպասող հիւլն ըլայի:

The third line comes from Daniel Varoujan, a giant martyred Armenian poet, who at the age of 31 was deported and murdered by the orders of the Young Turks as part of the officially planned and executed Armenian Genocide.

Varoujan's response to the murderers came long before he was tortured and murdered as he called on the farmer, the plowman, to sow and seed abundantly, limitless, to the fullest latitude of his arm and with a full palm, unsparingly, without sacrificing or saving a single seed. Varoujan's harvest is intended for the poor, the hungry, the miserable, the unfortunate and the hapless.

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Varoujan's poetry is in Armenian but the call is universal and human. He has all farmers in mind, the Turk, the Armenian, the *odar*. He has all the poor and hungry in mind, the Turk, the Armenian and all others. Varoujan's humanistic, generous, compassionate, loving and caring plea is for all. I am again reminded of our Lord Jesus Christ who shed His blood for us and made the ultimate sacrifice unsparingly. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Two distinguished and honorable individuals, Dr. Mihran Agbabian and George R. Phillips, to whom this special issue of the AMAA News is dedicated, are genuine and true examples of those who Medzarents and Varoujan describe above – seekers of selfless joy, the cottage at the rural field or the bottom of the hill and the generous, noble, unselfish, unsparing, selfless and sacrificial plowman. Dr. Agbabian and Mr. Phillips have spent a lifetime in the service of the Lord, our people, our homeland and humanity. I salute Dr. Agbabian and Mr. Phillips and bow to the legacy of their lives and service and I place them on a pedestal of honor as role models for me and for you. □



The Agbabian and Phillips families at the AMAA-HU Banquet. (Missing from the picture but were present at the Banquet are George Phillips Jr. and his family and grandson Bradley Phillips).

More Than A Banquet

By LEVON FILIAN

In this special AMAA News issue, which is the first issue in 2015, the year we commemorate the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide, we welcome our readers and supporters to read about the joint AMAA and Haigazian University Banquet held on November 15, 2014.

The purpose of the Banquet was to support our ministries around the world and to recognize two of the pillars of our community in Dr. Mihran Agbabian and George R. Phillips Esq. The response was overwhelming. Over 400 guests came to support the event and over \$400,000 was raised in support of AMAA and Haigazian University. It was a great success in measures of every criteria.

It was more than a celebration of the success stories of the accomplishments of AMAA and Haigazian University, and more than recognizing the achievements of two prominent men in our community.

It was more than that; it was a demonstration of service to God.

It was a clear testimony of how, when a team of people work hard, selflessly, with passion and love, for the Lord and their people, their efforts will be blessed.

A group of volunteers, committee members, worked diligently to give from their wisdom, their time, and their finances to show support for the Christ-centered ministry of their organizations. Paul, in his letter to Colossians instructs us as follows, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Col 3: 23.

It was more than that; it was a demonstration of training the next generation in God's way.

It was a testimony of how the church and the family play a major role in raising children in a **sincere faith**, passing the **sincere faith** from one generation to the next, exemplified in the lives of the Agbabian and Phillips families. Please refer to their biographies on pages 7 and 9. Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, makes reference to such **sincere faith** passing from



Levon Filian, AMAA West Coast Executive Director, greets the guests.

a grandmother, Lois, to her daughter, Eunice and to her son, Timothy (2 Timothy 1:5).

It was more than that; it was a message of acknowledging God's salvation.

When these gentlemen gave their testimony, please refer to the speeches, they acknowledged God before men in public. "For whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my father in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

It was more than that; it was a message of renewal, challenge, and perseverance.

The message of perseverance, the message of determination, the message of faith, and the message of God's love for all those who believe. Once again, we look at Paul's letter reminding Timothy, "to fan into flame the gift of God – for God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline, so we will not be ashamed to testify about our Lord" (2 Timothy 1:6-7).

As we commemorate the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide, let us remember



Rev. Dr. Ron Tovmassian, Moderator of the AEUNA, greets the guests.



Rev. Dr. John Khanjian, former President of Haigazian University, gives the Invocation.

the strong faith of our forefathers, focus on lifting our commitment to serving God, strengthening our families and churches with Christian love by passing our **sincere**



Raffi Kerbabian leading the guests in the United States of America and Armenia National Anthems.

Dr. Mihran Agbabian

By SAVY TUFENKIAN

First I would like to congratulate George Phillips, also being honored tonight. George has been a pillar of our community and a true leader. Congratulations George – you deserve this honor.

Thank you to the Banquet Committee and the Agbabian family for giving me this opportunity to introduce my friend, your friend being honored tonight – Dr. Mihran Agbabian.

I am not going to review with you his accomplishments and his education and his contributions both in our homeland and the United States, because they are all listed in the program. And what an impressive list is that. Please read the program, you will enjoy what you read. Instead I will talk about Dr. Mihran Agbabian – the man, the person, and most of all the True Friend.

Ralph and I met the Agbabians at Gethsemane Church over fifty years ago. And so we became close friends and even world travel partners. You learn a lot about a person when you travel together and I must say we learned to love and admire Mihran.

We also joined several Armenian organizations in Los Angeles together. Then in 1988 the tragic earthquake hit our homeland. What a disaster. We each tried to help in whatever way we could, by bringing the earthquake victims to the USA or by raising funds to send supplies and help. At this same time Dr. Agbabian, who was invited by the Armenian government to assess the earthquake damage, came across some science textbooks in the rubble. He was moved and inspired, and with two of his friends, Dr. Karamardian and Dr. Kuroghlian, resolved to explore opening an American University in Armenia (AUA). Hence the birth of the American University of Armenia.

I remember the day that Mihran and Elizabeth invited a group of friends and colleagues together and shared their dream. All present were touched and offered to help. In fact, Flora, Hermine and I joined Elizabeth and started our little auxiliary to help the American University of Armenia. We organized several banquets and visited AUA every time we went to Armenia. We are so proud of this institution. I recommend to everyone to visit AUA. It's a must.

I can talk hours about what Mihran has done, both in our homeland and in Los Angeles. Being an accomplished engineer, scientist and educator there is not a dull moment. He is humble and a very sincere friend – always ready to help and guide. I know I always ask his opinion and advice, and I know that many others do as well.

I will conclude by sharing one memorable event, which until today when I remember that day I feel very proud. Ralph and I were invited with the Agbabian family to attend a luncheon at Caltech where Dr. Agbabian was being honored as a Most Accomplished and Outstanding Alumni. As I sat and listened to the remarks of all the professors, the Dean, and the President of Caltech, I couldn't help but feel so proud to be sitting there and enjoying this occasion. I will never forget the pride I had



L to R: Joyce Abdalian, Dr. Mihran Agbabian and Savy Tufenkian.



His Holiness Vasken I, Catholicos of All Armenians, during a visit to American University of Armenia, where he gave his blessing to the students and families of the University. L to R: Dr. Mihran Agbabian, His Holiness Vasken I and Elizabeth Agbabian.

to have such a friend. A friend whose humility and kindness is overwhelming. Someone who has every right to be proud and feel above others. Yet that is not the man of Dr. Mihran Agbabian. Thank you Mihran for who you are.

And so, it is with great pleasure and honor that I introduce my friend, your friend – Dr. Mihran Agbabian □

Dr. Mihran Agbabian's Testimony

First, I feel very honored to be recognized by the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) and Haigazian University (HU) for service to my Armenian community. I am particularly grateful to God that He gave me the guidance to be responsive when I had the challenge for service.

It is indeed a special honor that AMAA and Haigazian University decided to honor George R. Phillips and me at the same event. George and I have been very close friends for more than fifty years working in various Armenian organizations, small and large.

The founders of AMAA and Haigazian University had a vision. AMAA in its humanitarian and evangelical work and Haigazian in its educational field. We remember the founders of AMAA and Haigazian who worked with great devotion to fulfill that vision. I would like to mention in particular the original West Coast members of the Haigazian Board. By the encouragement of the founders Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mehagian, Stephen Philibosian, father of Joyce Stein, John Markarian and Rev. Puzant Kalfayan, a core group came into existence consisting of Henry Gertmenian, Leon Peters, Rendell Levonian, Jirair Sarian, Helen Barsoumian Grimsley, Luther

The Agbabian Family in Cyprus. Rev. & Mrs. Siragan and Parouhi Agbabian, Grandmother Lucia Agbabian, Zaven, Mihran, Lucy and Hrant.

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Meet Dr. Mihran Agbabian

Mihran Agbabian is President Emeritus of the American University of Armenia and Professor Emeritus of Engineering at the University of Southern California.

Mihran was born in Cyprus. The family moved to Aleppo, Syria, where his father served as the pastor of the Emmanuel Armenian Evangelical Church. Mihran attended the American University of Beirut and after graduating with a B.A. in Physics (1944) and a B.S. in Engineering (1947) he came to the United States and attended California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena where he received a Master's degree in Engineering (1948) and later at UC Berkeley where he received a Ph.D. in Engineering (1951). He had his consulting engineering firm, Agbabian Associates, for 20 years before he joined the faculty of USC as Chairman of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department until his retirement.

In his Armenian community service, he was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Assembly of America during its formative years, member of the Central Board of AGBU, and Board member of the AMAA. In his professional service, he is an Honorary Member and was President of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, and Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He is married to Elizabeth Apkarian and they are parents of three sons and grandparents of four grandchildren.

He was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Engineering (1982) and the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (1990). Among the honors he has received are the University of California at Berkeley Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Citation in 1987, the California Institute of Technology Award of Distinguished Alumnus in 2000, the Honorary Doctor's degrees from Yerevan State University in 1994, the State Engineering University of Armenia in 2003 and earlier from Haigazian University in Lebanon in 1980. In 1995 he received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He has received the Sahag-Mesrob Medal from His Holiness Karekin I, Catholicos of All Armenians, the Saint Mesrob Medal from His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the See of Cilicia, and the Saint Vartan Medal from His Holiness John Peter XVIII, Catholicos of the Armenian Catholic Church. In 2001 he received the Movses Khorenatsi Medal from the President of the Republic of Armenia for his contributions to educational development.

George R. Phillips, Esq.

By JOYCE PHILIBOSIAN STEIN

Thirty years ago Joe and I moved to Los Angeles, knowing few if any within the Armenian community. Then something wonderful happened!

We were invited to a dashing art show sponsored by the legendary Haigazian Women's Auxiliary of Los Angeles. I sat next to a gentleman who captivated with his quick wit and marvelous sense of humor. That gentleman was George Phillips! Ever since, he has become a beloved friend and trusted adviser to our entire family.

George has given in great measure – his extraordinary talents to church, community and friends. He is the embodiment of Paul's admonition: "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all men."

Dear George, we know you will always use opportunities to bless and benefit others! □



L to R: George R. Phillips, Esq., Joyce Stein and Ken Kevorkian.

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Eskijian, Harold Demirjian, George Phillips and Mihran Agbabian who carried out the duties of the Board of Haigazian for many years, and Virginia Harikian who founded the Haigazian Women's Auxiliary that is still active after 55 years.

Coming to the present time, we are starting the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and we remember that AMAA was founded about the same time as the Near East Relief (in the year 1918). President Calvin Coolidge has said about the Near East Relief: "Not only life was saved, but economic, social, intellectual and moral forces have been released. Its work demonstrated practical Christianity," referring to the care and education of many thousands of children. The same testimony can be said about AMAA whose humanitarian work started about the same time as the Near East Relief and it has continued almost 100 years until now.

We know that from time to time a new generation enters the scene and gives a new momentum to uphold the vision. The vision of AMAA has been unchanged from generation to generation and we have now the same vision and the momentum to support schools and churches in the Middle East and most recently in Armenia. The graduates of Haigazian are among the current leaders, some of whom are in the audience.

The needs have reached a new level and a higher commitment is expected from the new leaders in the AMAA and Haigazian community. We are happy that we see that high commitment to meet the new challenges.

Looking back, I can quote words that were said by earlier leaders: In the field of humanitarian work I have heard words like "the need is increasing, and AMAA is very conscious of this, and we should increase our commitment to a higher level." And in the educational field, "the greatest contribution of a university will be

its graduates. We must continue to provide an education based on high ethical standards, academic freedom, analytical thinking, and social responsibility."

Let me finish by expressing my special thanks to Zaven Khanjian and Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian for coming from distant locations, to Levon Filian for conceiving the idea of this evening's event, to Co-Chairs Joyce Abdulian and Ken Kevorkian and to their Committee members who planned this evening's event and brought together so many friends of George Phillips and myself and so many strong supporters of AMAA and Haigazian University. □



Rev. Dr. John Markarian gives Honorary Doctorate Degrees on behalf of Haigazian University. L to R: Dr. Rendell Levonian, Rev. Dr. John Markarian, Mrs. Virginia Harikian and Dr. Mihran Agbabian.

George R. Phillips' Testimony

The recognition received tonight and your support and participation are deeply appreciated. The Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) and Haigazian University (HU) are two organizations which epitomize faith in action, reaching out with God's love, offered to all Armenians and others. Their influence has had a profound influence on my life and my entire family over these many years.

AMAA and HU are truly unique organizations, established by a minority among the survivors of a small nation afflicted by Genocide, rising from the ashes as a testimony to God's ultimate power, evidenced by the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus, who came to show us the way.

The Armenian community is blessed with individuals who receive a God given "vision," that beckons our unity of purpose – to take up the challenge, in faith, despite naysayers.

A prime example is AMAA's assistance to Haigazian University, which has continued from its founding 60 years ago, until today, a University that persevered through a prolonged civil war to bloom and flourish, which continues to shine a bright light of enlightenment despite new turmoil ever so near. The entire Armenian community has reaped long-term dividends from its graduates, who have become outstanding leaders in their local communities, including the exposure of what our Christian values represent to a significant



George and Suzie Phillips.

number of non-Armenian students of all faiths, who attend the University.

History appears to be repeating itself through the events unfolding before our eyes on the eve of the 100th Anniversary of

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Meet George R. Phillips, Esq.

George R. Phillips, a life long resident of Los Angeles, has been married to his wife Suzie, for 60 years and they are the parents of three sons, Albert, Gary, and George Jr., and 11 grandchildren, all of whom are active in the Armenian community. George is a veteran of the Korean War, and earned his Juris Doctor and Business Administration degrees from UCLA.

George is a member of the California State Bar and a CPA since 1957. He holds an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell and was designated in 2005 as a Super Lawyer in estate planning and trusts. He is senior partner of Phillips Law Partners, LLP, located in Los Angeles, which specializes in Estate Planning, Business Law, Real Estate, Litigation, and Taxation, and represents a diverse clientele in a wide range of industries.

George has served as a member of the Board of Directors of numerous Armenian organizations, including the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), Haigazian University, C & E Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School, and Armenian Film Foundation. He has also served as President of the Armenian Professional Society, and as West Coast Counsel and Vice President of AMAA. In 2006, George received recognition as AGBU's "Man of the Year" for his service to the Armenian Community in Southern California.

In 2007, he received recognition as Merdinian School's "Man of the Year" for his past services to the C & E Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School. He has been involved in assisting Armenian non profits in numerous endeavors, including the organization of the C & E Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School, major funding by the John Sheen Trust to the Ararat Home "Sheen Chapel" and the Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School, and Lark Musical Society's acquisition of new facilities. George also serves as Trustee of various private foundations and trusts, including the George Ignatius Foundation, Lucy Garjian Charitable Trust, Artevel Foundation, Jack Munushian Charitable Trust, and Arzooyan Charitable Remainder Unitrusts, which together have provided millions of dollars of financial support over many years to numerous Armenian charitable organizations.

George is a founding member of the United Armenian Congregational Church of Hollywood, CA, and has served as its Moderator and on its Board of Trustees.

the Armenian Genocide, with almost daily reports of the destruction of churches and the martyrdom of Christians of many nations. Our Armenian communities and their precious institutions have been directly affected. AMAA has been responding to ever increasing emergencies with support to meet the ever increasing outrage.

The sense of my identity resulted from my upbringing growing up in Los Angeles as an American of Armenian heritage. The Great Depression had an impact, but at age 13, on a Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, my world abruptly changed. I was out in the street playing ball with other kids and heard a shout to come in and listen to the short wave radio reporting about "Pearl Harbor." Soon the boys 18 years or older were sent off to war. The younger youth left behind were very few. After a time, the remaining youth of all Armenian churches held joint "sports leagues" and even joint youth meetings at different Armenian churches. This implanted in me the sense of the great power that unity of purpose brings. It pervaded our community and the entire country in the midst of the loss of human life. After peace arrived, the original patterns of life drifted back, but the impact of the power of unity stayed with me.

A popular song at that time was called "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition till we all come home." The folklore behind the song was attributed to a chaplain on an American war ship who was reading his Bible and praying when the crew frantically called for more ammunition for their machine guns to resist the enemy airplane onslaught. The chaplain put down his Bible, ran to the upper deck, and started passing ammunition to the machine gunners.

My personal opinion is that the chaplain did the right thing. In like manner today, the AMAA and HU are at or near the front line of a battle being fought not with machine guns, but with the other weapons: education, love and compassion, based on the proof demonstrated in the ultimate victory of "good over evil."

My first exposure to the AMAA was from its Executive Director, Rev. Puzant Kalfayan, who came to speak to the youth group and exposed us to the work of the AMAA and the spirit behind its mission. I again felt the sense of unity that I experienced as a youth during the war, but even more compelling. Many years later, about 35 years ago, as an attorney practicing in the fields of estate planning, real estate, business organization, and tax planning, I received a call from AMAA's Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Giragos Choupourian. He asked if I would be on a panel of attorneys who could assist members of the local community with charitable giving. I accepted. Later, at the urging of AMAA's Executive Director, Rev. Movses Janbazian, my role continued and expanded. Over time, I came to realize that I had been called to use my professional abilities as a tool to assist others in giving back to God the blessings that they had been given. This work brought home the fact that every person can make a difference by their action.

Your generous response tonight provides the "ammunition" needed by organizations such as AMAA and Haigazian and is the evidence of Christ's love in action, which is the one true and real source of power and success. For almost a century, the AMAA has faithfully supported and encouraged the God-given vision of many individuals, adding the extra ingredient necessary for success and turning dreams into reality, examples of which are embodied in names such as: Stephen Philibosian, John Sheen, Elise Merdinian, Sirpuhe Conte, Archie Arzooyan, Ed Avedisian, and many others before my time. Each in their own way realized they were the stewards of their blessings and led them to give back what was granted to them during their lifetimes. They carried out



The Phillips family in California. Parents Dikran and Osanna Philliposian, brother Albert (deceased), sister Elsie Haig and George.

their purpose as a testimony of God's love entrusted to the AMAA and HU.

I have experienced and participated in the workings of these organizations, and the foundation of faith on which the two organizations are based has always allowed the ultimate purpose and mission of these organizations to prevail. The foundation of faith on which the two organizations are based, is carried out not just by those who have given of their financial blessings, but are also demonstrated by a host of volunteers and leaders. Devoted volunteers who have given unselfishly of their time and talent, and Executive Directors and university Presidents whose lives of sacrificial service have made an impact upon many. They were led by the guidance of the Lord, who subtly has led AMAA and HU from humble beginnings in their ongoing outreach. It is to the Lord, we give the entire glory and praise tonight, as He alone has created and produced the results.

We've been called here tonight to rally together and consider what "ammunition" each of us can deliver, using our talents, our time, and our financial resources, in sharing the blessings God has given each of us in the ongoing battle of "good versus evil." Each of us can make a difference by this venture of faith, working together for all Armenians and others that we touch all over the world.

I leave you with the message in the song I heard as a youth, which I now more fully grasp, "Praise the Lord, and Pass the Ammunition, until we all reach our eternal home."

May God bless each one of you in all areas of your life.
Thank you. □

At AMAA Construction Never Stops

By ZAVEN KHANJIAN

Good Evening Los Angeles,

Following the Organizing Committee's hard work over the weeks and witnessing the outcome tonight reassures my conviction that I have indeed returned to the City of Angels. Thank you, Ken, Joyce and every other member of the Organizing Committee.

The AMAA salutes the honorees of this evening, Dr. Mihran Agbabian and George Phillips, Sr., who have spent a lifetime in the service of the Lord, our people and humanity. We bow to the legacy of their service and place them on a pedestal of honor as role models for us all.

Dear Friends,

Thirty five years ago, and on August 4, 1979 to be exact, my family and I landed at the Los Angeles International Airport as immigrants to "the land of the free and home of the brave."

I was the last of my siblings to take that move, which, in addition to being the fulfillment of a dream of many yearning to move to the "new brave world," was the direct result of unyielding political turmoil, war and unrest in the Middle East. (Sounds familiar, doesn't it?) It was not an ungrateful departure from Syria, whose people had graciously hosted our orphaned parents who survived the Armenian Genocide.

We were warmly welcomed by family members celebrating the reunion of all siblings under the new blue skies. The caravan of cars moved into town.

A few days before our arrival, on July 4th, America had just celebrated its 203rd birthday. We were 203 years late to arrive but had happily made the trip to the promised land of the new world. As we passed through the streets of Los Angeles, I noticed a number of construction sites. Some large, some small, where the light brown color of wood framings of typical construction in progress, were vividly abound. The picture was so striking that I remember turning around and teasing Sona:

"We are 203 years late in arriving and construction is not yet over."

Thirty five years have passed from that memorable summer day but construction in the country and around the world is not yet over.

Construction will never end. It is an ongoing phenomenon. It is a healthy economic sign and a measure of progress. It has started with the creation and can only end with its demise.

We, at the Armenian Missionary Association of America, have just come out of one construction project. That, of the Khoren and Shooshanig Avedisian School and Community Center in Armenia. It has been a wonderful experience. A bountiful of people were involved in the process.

Yes, the process went through the same old colors of iron and cement that most of us would recognize in a commercial construction site. But yet, there is more to it.

Ours is a little different. Construction of structures at the Armenian Missionary Association of America, go hand in hand, with the construction and reconstruction of lives. As buildings (schools,



Zaven Khanjian, AMAA Executive Director/CEO, delivers his message at the AMAA-HU Banquet.

churches, community centers, camps, medical clinics, kindergartens, etc.) are erected; the realization of a dream, the joy and the reward that comes with it, is the whole purpose behind it.

Building and rebuilding of lives.

One life at a time.

That, of a displaced Syrian student at Haigazian University, of a Syrian Armenian refugee in Armenia, of an impoverished child in Bangladesh, Yerevan, of a young camper seeking the Lord at Hankavan, KCHAG or Camp AREV

of a pensioned granny in the homeland, of an orphan or child in Armenia or Karabagh.

It is only human for lives to shatter. It will happen. People will fall or cause to fall, families will break and lives will shatter. There is no insulation from it. But, as it uncontrollably takes place, God has entrusted us to come to the rescue. That is what the Armenian Missionary Association of America is all about. Coming to the rescue.

Benefactors, donors, officers, board members, committee members, directors, managers, staff at both home base and Armenia, all lent a hand in that project. From conception to completion it takes time, talent, mastery, money, sweat and tears. The physical construction of a structure ends. People move in and the process of building lives begins. That is the ultimate source of joy for all the effort, the grand prize for all involved, the crown of satisfaction of all who had a share in putting it together.

All that, until the next project, as construction never stops.

Thank you. □

Haigazian University: An Answer For The Future

By REV. DR. PAUL HAIDOSTIAN

What a joy it is to enjoy the support of such a distinguished group of people and friends, and what a privilege it is also to honor two good friends, two former members of the Haigazian University Board, Dr. Agbabian and Mr. Phillips.

Questions and quests define our humanity, they define our spirituality, and they help us develop. It is always questions and quests.

As a teacher I used to say, my best students are the ones who ask the good questions, and not the ones who give the good answers. But in my context, the questions of the Middle East today and of the Armenian world in general are too exhausting for us to promote, or to answer.

I feel privileged to say that we today represent and answer to many people's questions.

The answer continues for many of us to be Haigazian University. Our world needs positive examples and edifying solutions.

The Haigazian University you support today and you have supported in the past, has graduated a number of thousands of BAs and MAs, with more than 20,000,000 dollars of scholarships throughout our history. It has published much more than 10,000 pages in original Armenian studies. What is most significant is, that we continue that same successful mission today.

True, soon we will celebrate our 60th Anniversary, but we should not only be interested in the story of the past. We are also planning for the future. Once in a while, and for a change in our world, let us be the positive answer to people's questions. And at Haigazian, many of our young people and their families have found that answer.

Sometimes I feel these themes are too heavy for such occasions as tonight. Sometimes I feel Haigazian University is too unique. Every institution may consider itself as unique, but does not Haigazian feel as extremely unique? But I think it is very constructively unique for

the Armenian world, in the name of the Armenian world, and with its neighbors, the non-Armenian communities.

It is the answer really to many people's questions today. And you can guess what their questions are. Where am I going to get educated and how am I going to afford it? What kind of a job will I find later on? Who will support me socially when I go to university? Who will help me find a job in the Middle East today or elsewhere? These are the questions. Very practical down to earth questions and Haigazian has been an answer and continues to be so.

I wish I could tell the stories of what happens today with our 850 students, 35 of whom are Armenians from Syria, or almost the 100 faculty and 59 staff, or the 1.1 million dollar scholarship aid we are granting this year, and another 650,000 dollars that the USAID is granting to 55 of our students this year. Good answers to challenging questions indeed.

At Haigazian University we continue to tell the Armenian story of the past. As a university we, however, want to represent the future story of the Armenian people. That of the young people. So I thank you dear supporters. I thank Dr. Agbabian, and Mr. Phillips and so many of you who have been involved in the lives of so many young people. You have been part of the answer, and help us do even more. I thank you all, and may God bless you. □



Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, President of Haigazian University, gives his message at the AMAA-HU Banquet.

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE STEPHEN PHILIBOSIAN FOUNDATION

The Stephen Philibosian Foundation Trustees are delighted to celebrate the Armenian Missionary Association of America and Haigazian University this evening. How fitting it is to recognize the unmatched leadership in Mihran Agbabian and George Phillips.

AMAA and Haigazian roots run deep within our family. Seventy years ago Mr. Stephen Philibosian fell in love with AMAA's vibrant Christian outreach, and established the Association's first Endowment Fund. This gesture of his inspired others to follow. As he wished, family members "stepped into his shoes." Joyce Stein, for 30 years and of late, Stephanie Landes, both serving on the Association's Board.

Six decades have elapsed since an ambitious dream became reality— Haigazian University. The University stands today because of the passionate, unrelenting perseverance of its founders—one of whom was Stephen Philibosian.

Stephen's unequalled salesmanship, convinced American-born Lafayette College Professor Rev. Dr. John Markarian to take on the mantle of an incredible Founding President! Other remarkable men have assumed that role. Today, our North Star is the stellar Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian. Joyce Stein and Christina Segel count it a privilege to serve on the University Board. We are blessed to provide unbroken support for a great University with a transcendent ministry.

We uphold both in prayer. May the Lord continue to anoint them with His gifts. With warmest best wishes

Joyce Stein

On behalf of the Stephen Philibosian Foundation Trustees:

Louise Danielian, Stephen Danielian, Stephanie Landes, Thomas Momjian, and George Phillips.



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... that they may be one (John 17:11) ... որպեսզի անոնք մեկ ըլլան (Յովհ. 17:11) ... afin qu'ils soient un (Jean 17:11)

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Dear Mihran and George:

On behalf of the Armenian Evangelical World Council (AEWC) and myself, I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your being distinguished honorees at the celebratory banquet of the AMAA and Haigazian University on November 15, 2014.

Although you have different professions and careers, your lives, however, hold many similarities. You both have been supremely gifted professionals and have excelled in your ability to interpret the highest values of the Armenian Evangelical Church.

The educational, financial and spiritual contributions you have made to the Armenian community in general, and the Armenian Evangelical constituency in particular, have been enormous and far reaching. You have been remarkable role models, and many people have benefitted from the wealth of your expertise and experience. You have been, and still are, touching the lives of countless people and have enriched them.

You have been loved and respected for your great strength of character and for your unwaivering faith in God. We praise God for granting you the wisdom and grace to use all these talents to His glory and to the welfare of His children.

As Armenian Evangelicals, your noble deeds have strengthened us, your wisdom has instructed us, your reverence for the great tradition of our ancestors has inspired us.

Although I am unable to attend the banquet, I wish to salute you on behalf of the AEWC, and pray for God's abundant blessings upon you, your respective spouses – Elizabeth and Suzie – and your loved ones.

Prayerfully and affectionately,

Rev. Vahan H. Tootikian

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Dr. Mihran Agbabian and Mr. George Phillips Sr.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America and our Acting Minister to the Union, Rev. Hendrik Shanazarian, I would like to express thanks to both the Armenian Missionary Association of America and Haigazian University for planning a beautiful event on November 15, 2014. It was a fitting tribute for two individuals who have been faithful servants of God, selflessly working in many different ways, for the benefit of the Armenian people.

Congratulations to Dr. Mihran Agbabian and Mr. George Phillips Sr., the two very deserving honorees on that evening. If the AMAA and Haigazian University have had a significant impact in the life of our community, it is directly the result of the sacrificial efforts of such individuals. It is a pleasure to recognize the dedication and achievements of these men, whose faith, integrity and commitment are reflected not only in their work with these organizations, but in every aspect of their personal and professional lives as well.

A special note of thanks as well to their wives, Elizabeth Agbabian and Suzie Phillips. We thank God for their steadfast support and active encouragement that has contributed significantly to the legacy of these wonderful men.

I pray that God will raise up many others who will follow the examples of Dr. Agbabian and Mr. Phillips by using their God given talents to honor God and serve those who are in need. May the humble experience of God's love and grace in our lives drive us all forward in our mission to share that love and grace with the world. May we remain faithful to His calling that He may continue to bless us in our efforts for His kingdom.

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Ron Tovmassian
AEUNA Moderator



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Դայց. Եկեղեցւոյ Արեւմտեան Թէմի Առաջնորդարանէն մեր օրինութիւններն ու սրտագին ողջոյնները կը յդենք Պատուարժան Դոկտ. Միհրան Աղպապեանի եւ Իրաւաբան նործ Ֆիլիփսի, որ առ ի գնահատութիւն Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Միութեան (AMAA) եւ Հայկագեան Համալսարանին իրենց մատուցած բազմամեայ նուիրեալ ծառայութիւններուն՝ կ'արժանանան յատուկ պատուի:

Արդարեւ, Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Միութիւնը երկար տարիներէ ի վեր լծուած է իր հոգեւոր առաքելութեան: Միութեան Նախագահ Տիհր Զաւէն Խանճեան, որ որպէս Ստենապետը՝ «Դայաստան» Համահայկական Դիմնադրամի, չափազանց գնահատելի աշխատանք կատարեց՝ մեծապէս օգտակար հանդիսանալով Մայր Հայութնիքին եւ Արցախի Հանրապետութեան: Իսկ որպէս Նախագահը «Սուրիահայութեան Օգնութեան Դիմնադրամ»ի, զանազան միջոցներով եւ կազմակերպչական աշխատանքներով համախմբեց Մեծագոյն Լու Անծելքսի հայ Եկեղեցիներն ու համայն կազմակերպութիւնները՝ եղբայրական օգնութեան ծեռք երկարելով Սուրիահայութեան:

Մենք մօտէն տեղեակ ենք, որ Հայկագեան Համալսարանը անցնոյ 59 տարիներէ ի վեր Լիբանանի մէջ բարձրագոյն ուսման կրթական հաստատութիւններէն մին եղած է, որ ըստ պահանջի տարու տարի նոր ծրագիրներով կ'ընդարձակէ իր առաքելութիւնը՝ գոհացում տալու համար մեծ թիւով ուսանողներու, իր եզական եւ բազմամշակոյթ եւ ընտանեկան սերտ մթնոլորի մէջ:

Մեծապէս գնահատելի է, որ Ամերիկայի Հայ Աւետարանական Միութիւնը եւ Հայկագեան Համալսարանը միասնաբար յատուկ պատուի կ'արժանացնեն երկար տարիներ բազմակողմանի ծառայութիւն մատուցող Դոկտ. Միհրան Աղպապեանը եւ Իրաւաբան նործ Ֆիլիփսը: Բարեբաստիկ այս առիթով ի սրտէ կը շնորհաւորենք պատուի արժանացող անձնուեր ծառայութիւն մատուցող Դոկտ. Միհրան Աղպապեանն ու Իրաւաբան նործ Ֆիլիփսը: Կ'աղօթնենք Աստուծոյ, որ օրինէ զիրենք, քաջառողջութիւն եւ արեւատութիւն պարգևէ, որպէսզի վերանորոգուած ոգիով եւ նոր եռանդով շարունակեն իրենց բարձր մակարդակի ծառայութիւնները:

Մեր շնորհաւորական եւ ողջոյնի խօսքը կ'եզրափակենք Աւետարանական հետեւեալ մէջբերումով.-

«Իսկ Յոգիհն պտուղները աստնք են. սէր, խնդութիւն, խաղաղութիւն, համբերութիւն, քաղցրութիւն, բարութիւն, հաւատք, հեզութիւն, ժումկալութիւն. այսպիսի բաներուն օրէնքը հակառակ չէ» (Գաղատ. 5:22-23):

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His Eminence Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, Prelate

PRELATE'S LETTER OF BLESSING AND COMMENDATION

With Christian love and spiritual joy I extend my greetings to the leadership, members, friends and supporters of the Armenian Missionary Association of America and Haigazian University of Lebanon, on the joyous occasion of their joint banquet celebrating the myriad achievements of both esteemed institutions.

For nearly a century, the AMAA has provided spiritual nourishment and humanitarian assistance to Armenians from the U.S. to the homeland, from infants to the elderly, while Haigazian University has been enlightening the minds of generations in Lebanon and throughout the Middle East for nearly six decades. Their contributions to society are significant and highly commendable.

As Christians we are called to serve others, in the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, for to serve others is to serve God. The AMAA and Haigazian University are doing just this; spreading the love and compassion of our Lord through their churches, schools, and humanitarian endeavors, providing for the spiritual, mental, and physical needs of our brethren.

The success of these two organizations over such long periods of time speaks volumes about the dedicated service of its membership, among them two distinguished individuals honored this evening, Dr. Mihran Agbabian and George R. Phillips, Esq., upstanding professionals in their respective fields and more importantly, upstanding men of faith and active members of the Armenian community.

Dr. Agbabian, distinguished educator, and Mr. Phillips, respected attorney, two men who in their own capacities and capabilities have brought great contributions to our homeland Armenia and also to a number of Armenian religious, educational, cultural, and charitable organizations. They have served not only dutifully, but humbly, not for the accolades but for the spiritual fulfillment that comes from doing good. In the example of our Lord they served and continue to serve with brotherly love, and for that we commend and congratulate them. May they inspire others to follow in their footsteps and make a difference in the lives of our fellow man.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5)

May God bless you all with an abundance of healthy and joyful days, and may He reward you for your selfless and noble service.

Prayerfully,

Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian
Prelate, Western United States

November 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMAA

It is wonderful to take an evening and consider the accomplishments of two men who have served our Armenian community all of their lives. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), I wish to thank Mihran Agbabian and George Phillips for their service to our organization, to Haigazian University and to the Armenian community as a whole. Their commitment of time, expertise and substance and their devotion to what is best for our people are commendable and much appreciated.

Because of these two honorees and because of the work and contributions of thousands of our fellow Armenians around the world, the AMAA has for over 95 years been enabled to serve the spiritual and physical needs of Armenians in 24 countries around the globe. This work has included the construction and operation of churches, schools, medical facilities, children centers and camps for retreats and summer programs. Monetary and physical support has been provided for infant and child care and for the elderly. Financial support in North America and Europe has facilitated the purchase and/or rehabilitation of church facilities.

And among all these efforts, the AMAA is pleased and proud to support the Haigazian University which has for sixty years served the Armenian and the wider community in the Near East. We are pleased at the accomplishments of the University as it meets the needs of its diverse student body as they prepare for life in the broader community.

We thank all those who are in attendance this evening and for their support of these two important institutions in our Armenian community—the AMAA and the Haigazian University. May God's blessings continue to be spread through them to the Armenian people throughout the world.

Joseph Zeronian, Ed.D.
President, AMAA

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF HAIGAZIAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Haigazian University, I thank you for your presence and your support of the joint AMAA/Haigazian University Banquet.

Dr. Mihran Agbabian was a founding member of the Board of Trustees of Haigazian University. Mr. George Phillips served for many years on the Board of Trustees. We owe both of our honorees a debt of gratitude for their many years of service to the University.

Haigazian University, the only Armenian University outside our homeland of Armenia, is on the threshold of celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2015. It has gone from having a very small student body comprised primarily of Armenians, to a student population of around 900 students representing every ethnic group in Lebanon. Approximately 40% of the students are currently of Armenian ethnicity. A point of pride for the administration of Haigazian University, is the calm coexistence of this diverse group of students on campus.

Recently, Haigazian University had a sizable influx of students from Syria, including Kessab, and has provided them not only with financial aid but also with a supportive community.

Haigazian University provides more than one million dollars of need based financial aid annually. The Future Armenian Leadership Fund, established by the Board of Trustees, also gives full scholarships to a select number of top Armenian students who demonstrate the potential to become future leaders.

Haigazian University takes pride in its Armenian Diaspora Research Center, and the Annual Haigazian Armenological Review of scholarly research articles. Haigazian is poised to play a key role as a center of Armenological research and as the educator of the future leaders of the global Armenian community.

We pray that God will continue to bless Haigazian University and to use it for His Glory.

Ani Darakjian, M.D.
Chair, Haigazian University Board of Trustees

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AMAA-HU Banquet Program November 15, 2014

Welcome Joyce Abdulian and Ken Kevorkian
Banquet Co-Chairs

National Anthems Raffi Kerbabian

Invocation Rev. Dr. John Khanjian
Haigazian University Former President

Remarks and Recognition of Dignitaries Levon Filian
AMAA West Coast Executive Director

Remarks Zaven Khanjian
AMAA Executive Director/CEO

Remarks Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian
Haigazian University President

Musical Selections Soprano Julia Metzler
Accompanied by Victoria Simonian

Video Presentation
Dr. Mihran Agbabian Introduced by Savey Tufenkian

Video Presentation
George R. Phillips, Esq. Introduced by Joyce Stein

Closing Remarks Joyce Abdulian and Ken Kevorkian

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AMAA Sponsorship Program at Avedisian School

On September 1, 2014, the new Khoren and Shooshanig Avedisian School opened for the academic year. Constructed in the impoverished sector of Yerevan (Malatya-Sepastya), the School provides free education to all those who attend. Over the years, the School has won multiple academic awards, a testament to its excellence in education.

At the start of the New Year we ask you to consider investing in the lives of our youth, and the future of our homeland – Armenia. For just \$500 a year, you can help change the life of a child in Armenia, by sponsoring a child to attend and spark his/her young impressionable mind with the perpetual light of learning at the new Khoren and Shooshanig Avedisian School.

YES! I would like to invest in a child(ren) and share God's blessings with them.

Please select _____ child(ren) from Avedisian School for my consideration and send me the details.

Note: Cost of sponsorship of one child at Avedisian School is US\$500 annually or \$42 per month.

____ Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

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(Your gift is tax-deductible and 100% of it will be used toward the sponsored Program)

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Thank you, and may the Lord bless you and your loved ones!

